# Vacancy Announcement #P00-286LGG

### **VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**POSITION:** Writer-Editor, GS-1082-11/12

**LOCATION**: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms

Office of Inspection Inspection Division Washington, DC

OPENING DATE: August 01, 2000 CLOSING DATE: August 30, 2000

**NOTE:** SECRET CLEARANCE REQUIRED

#### AREA OF

**CONSIDERATION**: Government-wide (Washington DC commuting area only). Veterans who are preference eligible or who have been separated from the armed forces under honorable conditions after 3 years or more of continuous active service may apply.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES: Prepares complex reports, correspondence, statistical summaries, articles for media publication and other written documents on variety of subjects related to projects in the division. Researches, and gathers data for reports, publications and orders. Writes and edits manuscripts. Initiates special information notices for full or specialized audience dissemination. Participates in planning for special events in which the Division is involved.

**QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:** All applicants must have had one (1) year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade in the Federal service. Applicants must meet all qualification requirements within thirty (30) days after the closing date of this announcement.

<u>Specialized Experience</u> is experience which is directly related to the position to be filled and which has equipped the candidate with the particular knowledge, skills, and abilities to successfully perform the duties of that position. To be creditable, specialized experience must have been at least equivalent to the next lower grade level.

**EVALUATION METHODS**: Status applicants will be evaluated and given points on relevant experience; formal college level education; training and self-development within the past five years; Quality Step Increase, Sustained Superior Performance, Special Act and Suggestion awards; current performance appraisal; and the Supplemental Experience Statement. Non-status applicants will be evaluated on relevant experience and the Supplemental Experience Statement. The following factors in the Supplemental Experience Statement will be used as the basis for determining the best-qualified applicants.

## SUPPLEMENTAL EXPERIENCE STATEMENT

On a separate sheet of paper, describe your work experience, training and/or awards, volunteer experience or hobbies as they relate to each of the factors listed below. Provide detailed evidence of each of the factors and show how and when they were used. Include clear, concise examples that show level of accomplishments and degree of responsibility. Include where and when you acquired the knowledge and abilities.

- 1. Ability to conduct research and fact-finding from a wide variety of sources for the purpose of preparing a variety of manuscripts, briefing papers, and other printed materials.
- 2. Ability to accurately compose and edit manuscripts.
- 3. Ability to inform other personnel on form, procedures and policies relating to the preparation of a variety of documents and other printed materials.
- 4. Ability to analyze and make sound judgments.

#### **CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT:**

The following statements are applicable if checked:
A pre-employment physical is required.
A pre-employment drug test is required.
_x_ A pre-employment background investigation is required.
_x_ Incumbent must be a U.S. citizen.
_x_ Male applicants born after December 31, 1959, must be registered with the Selective
Service System.
Non-ATF applicants will not be reimbursed for travel and relocation expenses.
Subject to a supervisory/managerial probationary period.
Other:

### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

- 1. Applications will not be returned to applicants.
- 2. All applicants will be notified by the Personnel Division upon completion of the selection process.
- 3. Applications must be received by the closing date of this announcement. The postmarked date will be considered only for those persons applying as non-status applicants for "All Sources" announcements.

**NOTE:** Promotion potential to GS-12. A non-competitive promotion may be made to the GS-12 level, provided qualifications are met and the supervisor recommends promotion.

# **HOW TO APPLY:**

A. Candidates may submit a resume; SF-171, Application for Federal Employment; or OF-612, Optional Application for Federal Employment. The OF-612 may be obtained by contacting us at the address and telephone number below, or by dialing into the Office of Personnel Management's electronic bulletin board system at 912-757-3100, through Internet, (Telnet connections only at WWW.USAJOBS.OPM.GOV). The SF-171 is no longer available for distribution.

Your application **must** contain the following information:

- Title, series, grade and vacancy announcement number for which you wish to be considered.
- 2. Full name, social security number and mailing address.
- 3. Daytime and evening telephone numbers.

- 4. For experience most relevant to this position, include name of employer, dates of employment, job title, grade (if applicable), start and end dates and a description of duties and responsibilities.
- 5. Average hours worked for each position if other than 40 hours per week.
- 6. Name, location and date of high school and college attended.
- 7. Type of degree, if any, date received, GPA, major/minor field of study.
- 8. Relevant training: course titles, dates, number of hours and institutions.
- 9. Description and year of awards, honors, and special qualifications such as language, computer skills, typing speed.
- 10. Clear identification of U.S. citizenship.

<ul> <li>B. Additional information/completed forms should be submitted, if a</li> </ul>
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- \_x\_ Written response to the Supplemental Experience Statement.
  DD-214, if claiming 5 point preference. (For non-status consideration only.)
- \_\_ Both DD 214 and SF-15, if claiming 10 point preference. (For non-status consideration only.)
- \_\_ College transcripts or lists of college courses.
- \_x\_ Race and National Origin Identification Form, SF-181 (Optional). Information submitted will be used for statistical reports only.
- \_x\_ OPM Form 306, Declaration for Federal Employment.
- \_x\_ Performance appraisal, dated within the last year. If not submitted, credit will **not** be given for that portion of the evaluation process. (For status consideration only.)
- \_x\_ Current/former Federal employees SF-50 reflecting competitive status.
- \_x\_ Applicants with disability or veterans eligible for non-competitive appointment. Provide appropriate documentation.
- Current Notice of Results.
- Competitive examining authority has been delegated to ATF by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. Non-status applications will be forwarded to the Delegated Examining Unit for rating, ranking and referral. Status candidates who wish to be rated under both merit promotion and competitive procedures must submit two complete applications.
- \_\_ Self-certification for typing proficiency.
- \_x\_ Self-initiated training and self-development taken within past five years (courses, training sessions or seminars that are three or more days in length.) Provide month/year of class, title and length of class. (For status consideration only.)
  Other:

#### **SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Position Management Branch, Room 4350 Attn: LaTonya Gamble Washington, DC 20226 (202) 927-8610 TDD users call (202) 927-7964.

TO FIND OUT ABOUT OTHER JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS CALL (202) 927-8423, or use our Internet address: WWW.ATF.TREAS.GOV

NOTE: DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY SURPLUS OR DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION: If you are currently a career or career-conditional Treasury employee who has received a Reduction in Force (RIF) separation notice or a Certificate of Expected Separation (CES) you may be entitled to special priority selection under Treasury's Career Transition Assistance Program (T-CTAP). You must:

- 1. still be employed by the Treasury Department, and the date of the notice has not expired.
- 2. submit a copy of the RIF or CES separation notice along with your application.
- apply for a position that is at or below the grade level of the position from which you are being separated. The position must not have greater promotion potential than the position from which you are being separated.
- 4. have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent.
- 5. currently employed by Treasury in the same commuting area of the position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
- 6. file your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation.)
- 7. be rated well-qualified for the position. To be well qualified, you must meet the mid-level range of the crediting plan for all factors.

DISPLACED EMPLOYEES REQUESTING SPECIAL SELECTION PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UNDER THE INTERAGENCY CAREER TRANSITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (I-CTAP). If you are a displaced Federal employee you may be entitled to receive special priority selection under the Interagency Career Transition Assistance Program (I-CTAP). To receive this priority consideration you must:

- 1. Be a displaced Federal employee. You must submit a copy of the appropriate documentation such as a RIF separation notice, Standard Form 50, Notification of Personnel Action (SF-50), stating you were separated by RIF, a letter from OPM or your agency documenting your priority consideration status with your application package. The following categories of candidates are considered displaced employees:
  - A. Current or former career or career-conditional (tenure group I or II) competitive service employees who:
    - 1) Received a specific RIF separation notice (You must submit a copy of your SF-50 stating you were separated by RIF.); or
    - 2) Separated because of compensable injury, whose compensation has been terminated, and whose former agency certifies that it is unable to place (You must submit a copy of a letter from your former agency certifying that it could not find employment for you back in the agency within 1 year after being on workers' compensation.); or
    - 3) Retired with a disability and whose disability annuity has been or is being terminated (You must submit: a copy of the OPM letter stating that your disability annuity is being terminated because you have been certified as fully recovered or your earnings have reached or exceeded the amount requiring cancellation of your annuity AND a copy of a doctor's statement certifying that you are fully recovered and ready to return to work.); or
    - 4) Upon receipt of a RIF separation notice retired on the effective date of the RIF. You must submit a copy of your SF-50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF"; or
    - 5) Retired under the discontinued service retirement option (Submit a copy of your SF-50 that indicates "Retirement in lieu of RIF".); or
    - 6) Were separated because he/she declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area. (You must submit a copy of your SF-50 indicating that you were separated because you declined a transfer of function or directed reassignment to another commuting area; **OR**
  - B. Former Military Reserve or National Guard Technicians who are receiving a special Office of Personnel Management (OPM) disability retirement annuity under section 8337 (h) or 8456 of title 5 United States Code. (You must submit a copy of your eligibility letter from the National Guard or Military Reserve.)
- 2. Be applying for a position at or below the grade level of the position from which you have been separated. The position must not have a greater promotion potential than the position from which you were separated.

- 3. Have a current (or last) performance rating of record of at least fully successful or equivalent. This must be submitted with your application package. (This requirement does not apply to candidates who are eligible due to compensable injury or disability retirement.)
- 4. Occupy or have been displaced from position in same local commuting area of position for which you are requesting priority consideration.
- 5. File your application by the vacancy announcement closing date and meet all application criteria (e.g., submit all required documentation).
- 6. Be rated well-qualified for the position (to be well-qualified, you must meet the mid-level range of the crediting plan for all factors).

**NOTE:** The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, provides reasonable accommodations to applicants with disabilities on a case-by-case basis. If you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the application and hiring process, please notify the point of contact listed on this vacancy announcement.

#### AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

ALL APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, AGE, SEX, NATIONAL ORIGIN, MARITAL STATUS, POLITICS, RELIGION, OR ANY